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To: Dabbs, Paul
Subject: Chapter 7 Suggested Add

Paul,

My comments for the most part have been heard, and I truly appreciate the efforts of you and the DWR staff in listening the many varied opinions on the AC. I got one additional requested add before today's deadline; here you go,

Suggested new second to last paragraph language for Accomplishments Section of Chapter 7 (by Kevin Kauffman):

The East San Joaquin County [Groundwater] Basin (Basin) is in decline and saline intrusion from under the Delta continues to move East into this Basin. Without the action, the Basin is threatened by further saline contaminated, leading to the closure of more municipal wells in the City of Stockton, and leaving growers to farm salt-tolerant, low-value crops. The Farmington Groundwater Recharge & Seasonal Habitat Program is a regional effort to recharge the underground aquifer through periodic spreading an average of 35,000 acre-feet of surplus water per year using the flooded-field method. The Program will initially seek to secure flooding rights on approximately 25 agricultural parcels totaling 1,200 acres. Municipal and agricultural pumping from the Basin currently exceeds natural recharge by approximately 130,000 acre-feet per year. Stockton East Water District and the US Army Corps of Engineers are partners in this \$33.5 million Program, supported with \$25 million in Federal dollars, with the remaining share paid by SEWD and other local sponsors. Funding from Propositions 13 and 50 and local agency's water assessments will assist with the local cost share. The initial 35,000 acre-feet per year is based on the Farmington Groundwater Recharge and Seasonal Habitat Study, completed in 2001. Stockton East Water District was the lead-local sponsor of the feasibility study with the Corps. Other study participants included Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, City of Stockton, San Joaquin County and California Water Service Company.

Thank you for considering this add. Happy 4th!

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